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For: Self-Sanitizing Water Treatment)	
Apparatus With A Reservoir)	
For Treated Water That Includes)	
A Heating Element)	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

The citation of information on the attached three (3) Forms PTO-1449, "List of Art Cited by Applicant" is made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98. A copy of each cited foreign patent document and non-patent literature document is enclosed.

The eight cited German references are in the German language. Full English translations of three of these references, DE 3105922 A1, DE 3916847 A1, and DE 4008329 A1, are submitted herewith. Applicants' understanding of these references based on the accompanying full English language translations of those references is described below. Four of the other German language references, DE 4028529 A1, DE 19535265, DE 19534454, and DE 19957406 A1, each include an English abstract which expresses the extent of the Applicant's understanding of their relevance. The other German language reference, DE 444422, was cited in an International Search Report for WO 03/000599 A1 (the counterpart PCT application of U.S. Patent No. 6,210,210, cited herein). The extent of the Applicant's understanding of the relevance of DE 444422 is that it was deemed relevant to WO 03/000599 A1, a patent application for a disposable cartridge for on-premises water treatment system also owned by the assignee of the present patent application.

Applicant understands that DE 3105922 A1 discloses a water heater with an electric heating insert connected to a DC power source so that the electric heaters acts in the form of an anode on which no lime is deposited.

Reference DE 3916847 A1 discloses an electrically corrosion protected water heating tank arrangement wherein the heating element and tank are electrically connected and the circuit is protected against reverse voltage.

Reference DE 4008329 A1 discloses an electric water heater with a water tank and a tubular heating element electrically connected to prevent lime deposits on the heating element.

Two of the six cited European references are in the German language. One of the six cited European references are in the French language. The German language document EP 0163750 A1 includes an English abstract and was cited in a foreign search report for GB 2350358, which is cited herein. The extent of the Applicant's understanding of the relevance of EP 0163750 A1 is that it was deemed relevant to GB 2350358, a patent for water treatment also owned by the assignee of the present patent application. The other German language document, EP 1025917 A1, and the French language document, EP 0245641, each include an English abstract and were cited in a foreign search report for GB 2368621, which is cited herein. The extent of the Applicant's understanding of the relevance of EP 1025917 A1 and EP 0245641 is that they were deemed relevant to GB 2368621, a patent for a water treatment apparatus also owned by the assignee of the present patent application.

One of the ten International references in the German language and has an English language abstract. The English language abstract of this document, WO 96/24390, expresses the extent of the Applicant's understanding of their relevance.

The three cited Japanese references are in the Japanese language. These Japanese language documents, JP 6142667, JP 7178393, and JP 11314096, each include an English abstract which expresses the extent of the Applicant's understanding of their relevance.

The cited Russian reference is in the Russian language. This Russian language document, RU 2166690, includes an English abstract and was cited in a Russian Official Action for Russian Patent Application No. 2004101611, (a counterpart application of U.S. Patent No. 6,210,210, cited herein). The extent of the Applicant's understanding of the relevance of RU 2166690 is that it was deemed relevant to Russian Patent Application No. 2004101611, a patent application for a disposable cartridge for on-premises water treatment system also owned by the assignee of the present patent application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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